

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**December 11, 2022
11th Sunday of Luke**

Mission Statement

To Engage, Serve, and Enrich the lives of Orthodox Christians, through Word, Worship, and Outreach, and to Welcome all people to live the Orthodox Christian way of life.

Our Clergy:

Fr. Timothy Pavlatos, Pastor
Fr. Philip Armstrong, Priest Emeritus
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Church Office Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Closed 12:00-1:00 p.m. for lunch
Fr. Timothy is off on Thursdays.

Metropolis of San Francisco / Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

Hymns at the Small Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion - Tone 1

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your kingdom; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Apolytikion for the Forefathers

By faith You justified the Forefathers, having through them betrothed to yourself the Church that came out of the nations. The saints are boasting in glory; for the glorious fruit, the Virgin who without seed gave birth to You, is from their progeny. At their entreaties, O Christ our God, save our souls.

Ἐν πίστει τοὺς Προπάτορας ἐδικαίωσας, τὴν ἐξ Ἑθνῶν δι' αὐτῶν προμνηστευσάμενος Ἐκκλησίαν.

Καυχῶνται ἐν δόξῃ οἱ Ἅγιοι, ὅτι

ἐκ σπέρματος αὐτῶν, ὑπάρχει καρπὸς εὐκλεῆς, ἡ ἀσπόρως τεκοῦσά σε. Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Apolytikion of St. Katherine

Let us sing the praise of the Bride of Christ renown, the Patroness of Sinai, Katherine Divine. Our assistance and protection, for she has brilliantly subdued, the impious refined, by the power of the Spirit. She was crowned as a martyr of the Lord, and for all, she entreats His great mercy.

Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ ὑμνήσωμεν, Αἰκατερίναν τὴν θείαν καὶ πολιοῦχον Σινᾶ, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν, ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῇ μαχαίρᾳ, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion

On this day the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σηηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουλευθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Κολοσσαεῖς 3:4-11

Ἀδελφοί, ὅταν ὁ Χριστὸς φανερωθῆ, ἡ ζωὴ ἡμῶν, τότε καὶ ὑμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ φανερωθήσεσθε ἐν δόξῃ. Νεκρώσατε οὖν τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, πορνείαν, ἀκαθαρσίαν, πάθος, ἐπιθυμίαν κακὴν, καὶ τὴν πλεονεξίαν, ἥτις ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρεία, δι' ἃ ἔρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ θεοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς υἱοὺς τῆς ἀπειθείας· Ἐν οἷς καὶ ὑμεῖς περιεπατήσατέ ποτε, ὅτε ἐζήτε ἐν αὐτοῖς. Νυνὶ δὲ ἀπόθεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς τὰ πάντα, ὀργὴν, θυμὸν, κακίαν, βλασφημίαν, αἰσχρολογίαν ἐκ τοῦ στόματος ὑμῶν· μὴ ψεύδεσθε εἰς ἀλλήλους, ἀπεκδυσάμενοι τὸν παλαιὸν ἄνθρωπον σὺν ταῖς πράξεσιν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν νέον, τὸν ἀνακαινούμενον εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν κατ' εἰκόνα τοῦ κτίσαντος αὐτόν· ὅπου οὐκ ἔστι Ἕλλην καὶ Ἰουδαῖος, περιτομὴ καὶ ἀκροβυστία, βάρβαρος, Σκύθης, δοῦλος, ἐλεύθερος· ἀλλὰ τὰ πάντα καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν Χριστός.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

Λουκᾶν 14:16-24

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπός τις ἐποίησε δεῖπνον μέγα καὶ ἐκάλεσε πολλούς· καὶ ἀπέστειλε τὸν δοῦλον αὐτοῦ τῇ ὥρᾳ τοῦ δείπνου εἰπεῖν τοῖς κεκλημένοις· ἔρχεσθε, ὅτι ἤδη ἔτοιμά ἐστι πάντα. καὶ ἤρξαντο ἀπὸ μᾶς παραιτεῖσθαι πάντες. ὁ πρῶτος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀγρὸν ἠγόρασα, καὶ ἔχω ἀνάγκην ἐξελθεῖν καὶ ἰδεῖν αὐτόν· ἐρωτῶ σε, ἔχε με παρητημένον. καὶ ἕτερος εἶπε· ζεύγη βοῶν ἠγόρασα πέντε, καὶ πορεύομαι δοκιμάσαι αὐτά· ἐρωτῶ σε, ἔχε με παρητημένον. καὶ ἕτερος εἶπε· γυναῖκα ἔγημα, καὶ διὰ τοῦτο οὐ δύναμαι ἐλθεῖν. καὶ παραγενόμενος ὁ δοῦλος ἐκεῖνος ἀπήγγειλε τῷ κυρίῳ αὐτοῦ ταῦτα. τότε ὀργισθεὶς ὁ οἰκοδεσπότης εἶπε τῷ δούλῳ αὐτοῦ· ἔξελθε ταχέως εἰς τὰς πλατείας καὶ ῥύμας τῆς πόλεως, καὶ τοὺς πτωχοὺς καὶ ἀναπήρους καὶ χωλοὺς καὶ τυφλοὺς εἰσάγαγε ὧδε. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ δοῦλος· κύριε, γέγονεν ὡς ἐπέταξας, καὶ ἔτι τόπος ἐστί. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ κύριος πρὸς τὸν δοῦλον· ἔξελθε εἰς τὰς ὁδοὺς καὶ φραγμοὺς καὶ ἀνάγκασον εἰσελθεῖν, ἵνα γεμισθῇ ὁ οἶκος μου. λέγω γὰρ ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐδεὶς τῶν ἀνδρῶν ἐκείνων τῶν κεκλημένων γεύσεται μου τοῦ δείπνου. Πολλοὶ γὰρ εἰσιν κλητοί, ὀλίγοι δὲ ἐκλεκτοί.

Saints of the Day

- Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople
- Luke the New Stylite of Chalcedon
- Martyrs Acepisus and Aeithalas

This Saint was from the village of Marutha in the region of Samosata in Mesopotamia. He became a monk at the age of twelve. After visiting Saint Symeon the Stylite (see Sept. 1) and receiving his blessing, he was moved with zeal to follow his marvellous way of life. At the age of forty-two, guided by providence, he came to Anapulus in the environs of Constantinople, in the days of the holy Patriarch Anatolius (see July 3), who was also healed by Saint Daniel of very grave malady and sought to have him live near him. Upon coming to Anapulus, Saint Daniel first lived in the church of the Archangel Michael, but after some nine years, Saint Symeon the Stylite appeared to him in a vision, commanding him to imitate his own ascetical struggle upon a pillar. The remaining thirty-three years of his life he stood for varying periods on three pillars, one after another. He stood immovable in all weather, and once his disciples found him covered with ice after a winter storm. He was a counsellor of emperors; the pious emperor Leo the Great fervently loved him and brought his royal guests to meet him. It was at Saint Daniel's word that the holy relics of Saint Symeon the Stylite were brought to Constantinople from Antioch, and it was in his days that the Emperor Leo had the relics of the Three Holy Children brought from Babylon. Saint Daniel also defended the Church against the error of the Eutychians. Having lived through the reigns of the Emperors Leo, Zeno, and Basiliscus, he reposed in 490, at the age of eighty-four.

Service Schedule—Week of December 11th

Sun., December 11th: 8:15 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Memorial: 1 year—Panagiotis Koutsiaftis

Monday Dec. 12th: St. Spyridon 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Sat., December 17th: 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Welcome to Our Visitors

We welcome you with open arms and joy in our Lord and hope your experience at St. Katherine's is a blessing for you.

Only those who are Baptized and/or Chrismated in the Orthodox faith may receive Holy Communion. If you are

not Orthodox, you may approach the Chalice for a blessing. To do this, come to the chalice and simply say, "a blessing please."

Orthodox Christians desiring to receive the Body of Blood of Christ must ensure proper preparation through confession (minimum 4 times a year), reconciliation in your heart with all, and observation of the fasting guidelines set forth by the Church.

If you have any questions please contact Fr. Timothy.

Stewardship Sunday is December 11th!



Due to ‘technical difficulties,’ I’m sorry to report that the new stewardship brochure/pledge card for 2023 will not be available on Sunday, December 11. As chairman of the stewardship ministry, I wanted to apologize to you all.

However, in appreciation of our dedicated and committed stewards, the plans for the Stewardship luncheon on Sunday after Divine Liturgy will continue as scheduled. We invite you to come enjoy the meal and fellowship in the Community Center.

Please prayerfully consider your 2023 pledge to St Katherine. As soon as the forms are available, please pick one up @ the church office or the Narthex, complete and return your commitment card to the Church.

We will collect them, and Father Timothy will bless them at the altar at the Nativity of Christ Service on Saturday, December 24th (Sat., December 24, 10:45 p.m. Orthros – Sun., December 25, 12:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy)

Thank you for your understanding; we look forward to seeing you at the luncheon.

John Chrisagis

Helpful Information:

Sunday School: Parents, after your children receive Communion, please bring them to class.

- Grades PreK-2, in Community Center
- Grades 3-5, Choir Loft
- Grades 6-12, 5th Acre

After class students will be dismissed and instructed to return to their parents in the Community Center.

Fellowship Hour: The Parish Council is hosting a complimentary luncheon in appreciation of our dedicated stewards.

Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore: Open today after Liturgy.

Please make every effort to arrive for services a little early. If you happen to arrive late, please observe the following moments in the Divine Liturgy when you should not enter the Nave but wait quietly in the Narthex. You may enter after these moments:

- The Priest censing
- The Small Entrance
- The Great Entrance
- Epistle Reading
- Gospel Reading
- The Homily
- Consecration of the Gifts
- The Lord's Prayer

Confession Times:

- Saturdays from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- During Great Vespers immediately following the Great Censing. Please wait in the front pews closest to the Bishop's Throne.
- By appointment (Please contact the church office)

Resources:

*Sunday Homilies: <https://stkatherineaz.org/homilies>

*For Orthros (Matins) Text visit: [AGES Digital Chant Stand](#)

*Saints, Feasts, Epistle & Gospel readings: <https://www.goarch.org/chapel/calendar>

Please silence cell phones when in church.



Upcoming Events/Save the Date

- **December 11th:** Stewardship Sunday & Parish Council Elections
- **December 18th:** Youth Christmas Pageant
- **February 25th, 2023:** Arizona Hellenic Foundation Apokries Dinner/Dance

Parish Council Elections

Parish Council Elections are scheduled for Sunday, December 11th. The following candidates are running for re-election:

- **Marina Ambus**
- **Antigoni Bhatia**
- **Mary Bowen**
- **John Chrisagis**
- **Michael Delos**
- **Dimitrios Laloudakis**



All stewards of St. Katherine please make plans to attend and vote.

Our Parish Family

If you are new to our parish and would like to become a member and begin receiving News & Updates, please contact our Church office:

office@st-katherineaz.org or call 480-899-3330.

If you are visiting and/or inquiring about the Orthodox faith and are interested in learning more, please contact Fr. Timothy: frtimskchurch@gmail.com

Prayer Requests

Prayers for the living will be retained on the list for 40 days.



Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

Living:

- Presvytera Vicki, health
- Constantine, health and healing
- John, Anna, Bridgid, Steven, Mary and Peter, health and healing
- For those in our congregation sick with various viruses
- Fr. Dimitrios, for relief from suffering
- Andrew, comfort from grieving
- Jamie, for relief from suffering
- Metropolitan Gerasimos, health and healing
- Kristen, Kristen, Jeff, health and healing
- Peace in Ukraine, consolation for the suffering and bereaved.
- For our Sunday School Teachers and Youth Workers, that their efforts will be blessed.
- For our Catechumens and Inquirers, as Fr. Timothy continues Orthodox Catechism classes.
- For our parishioners serving in armed services: That they may be safe and strong.
Lord bless: Scott Fagerberg (at Davis-Monthon AFB)
For our Seminarians- that they may prosper and grow in your will – Lord
bless: Emmanuel (Manoli) Aspiotis & Nikolas Makarios

Departed:

- Panigiotis Koutsiaftis

HRISI PAREA - ST. KATHERINE SENIORS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

Christmas Party

Thursday, December 15, 2022 @ 12:00PM

@ Daryl & Kathy Connell's Home

**9120 E. Country Club Drive , Sun Lakes, AZ
85248**

**Join us for a delicious lunch
and a fun afternoon!**



MEMBERS - OLD & NEW- WELCOME

For Reservations and More Information Contact:

Text: Daryl Connell (602) 315-3159

Greek Dance Practice & FDF



Dance Practice for ages 9 through high school age begins after church Nov. 20th. Practice for the 3-8 year old group has begun, and meets in the Community Center, every Sunday after church with the exception of Thanksgiving and Christmas Weekends. Questions? Contact Lisa Bafaloukos:

lisabaf@post.com

The dance students are preparing for the FDF festival held in Arizona this year. For more FDF information: [Home - Your FDF](#)

Senior GOYA Service Project



Senior GOYA needs your help! We are collecting donations in the Narthex for Maggie's Place from now until December 25th.

Maggie's Place is 501(c)3 organization committed to serving mothers here in Arizona. They provide housing, support services, and basic necessities to women and their families. Here is a small list of donations that Maggie's Place needs:

- larger sized diapers (ex. 3T, 4T, 5T)
- bottles
- pacifiers
- clothing (all sizes, both boys & girls)
- shoes
- accessories (ex. purses, belts, etc.)
- plates
- cups
- small kitchen appliances
- home decor

*Please make sure donations are gently used. No stained clothing or shoes with holes in them, please. If donating clothing, please make sure it is washed and folded. Let's try to throw in some new items too! If you find toys on sale or any other good deals, please consider. We appreciate any help we can get!

Questions? Contact Athena Gonzales at 480-584-9831 or athenacontes@hotmail.com

St. Irene Philoptochos

St. Irene Philoptochos – HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

Sunday, December 11 + Sunday, December 18 – 11:00AM to 1:00PM

Friday, December 23 + Friday, December 30 - 3:00PM – 6:00PM

Pre-order your baked goods online @ orders.ATasteofGreeceAZ.com

and pick-up at sale so you have them for Christmas + New Years

or contact: Marjie Thorpe @ Church Office – 480 899-3330

or email Kathy Connell @ madgreekkathy@aol.com

Holiday Bake Sale Order Form

of Packages Amount

_____ *Koulourakia – 1 Dozen - \$10.00* _____

_____ *Kourabiedes – ½ Dozen - \$8.00* _____

_____ *Melomakarona – ½ Dozen - \$8.00* _____

_____ *Baklava – 12 Petite Pieces - \$18.00* _____

_____ *Sweet Bread - 1 Loaf - \$15.00* _____

_____ *Variety Pack – \$25.00* _____

(3 Melo; 3 Kourabiethes; 6 Koulourakia, 8 Petite Baklava)

_____ *Hostess Tray - Wrapped - \$35.00* _____

(6 Melo; 6 Kourabiethes; 12 Petite Baklava)

Total _____

Name _____ *Phone #* _____

Orthodox Catechism Classes



Tuesdays 7:00–8:15 p.m.
Meets inside the Church of St.
Katherine.

December

13th: Orthodox Spirituality I
20th: Orthodox Spirituality II
27th: Icons & Architecture

GOYA Winter Retreat

Jan. 13–15, 2023
at: Emmanuel Pines
Camp, Prescott, AZ
for: 6th–12th Grade
Price: \$125



For more information:
Niko Pars: youth@assumptionaz.org

8 Dates Series Returns!

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco **Family Wellness Ministry** and the Office of **Youth and Young Adult Ministries** invites all married/engaged couples to participate in the upcoming **Eight Dates** Marriage program. This powerful relationship series presented for the third time is based on the book *Eight Dates* by Drs. John and Julie Gottman. Topics addressed including Conflict; Work and Money, Intimacy, Family, Spirituality, and much more. Any couple wanting to improve their communication and connection can benefit from this lively and evidence based program. Sessions began on Thursday, October 13th at 6:30 pm



To register: <http://www.familywellnessministry.org/eight-dates>

Flower Ministry

The Flower Ministry at St. Katherine serves to beautify our Church at different times throughout the year by decorating icons for Major Feast days of Christ and the Theotokos, the Feast day of St. Katherine, Great Lent, and Holy Week. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry please contact Despina:: deslaloudakis@yahoo.com



Welcome Ministry

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Yiota for more information:

yiotasoublis@hotmail.com



Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry meets on the 3rd Saturday, every other month for food, fellowship and fun.



Men's Ministry!

As we continue to grow our St. Katherine ministries, we are now working toward beginning a Men's Ministry. A volunteer is needed to lead the team, and others are needed to work with him in developing this ministry's goals, mission, and vision, etc.

If you would like to be involved in starting our men's ministry, and/or would like to participate in it, please email or call the Church Office to give us your contact information.

Fr. Timothy will be working directly with this ministry and will be instrumental in its development.

MILESTONES & MANY YEARS !



Are you celebrating a birth, baptism, birthday/nameday, anniversary or other special occasion that you would like to share with our community? To have your special occasion included in our Weekly Update, please complete the "Milestones & Many Years" form (available at the candle stand) and return it to the church office or a Parish Council member.

New Convenient Ways to Give!

Hover your phone camera over the QR code, which will take you to our website. From the menu, click on the Stewardship tab.

Digital payment platforms allow the church to accept stewardship, general or specific donations for any ministry. To ensure your donation is

allocated properly, please make a note in the memo indicating your wishes.



RECOMMENDED LEVELS OF GIVING

PERCENT OF INCOME	5%		8%		10%	
	Annual Giving	Weekly	Annual Giving	Weekly	Annual Giving	Weekly
\$20,000	\$1,000	\$19.23	\$1,600	\$30.77	\$2,000	\$38.46
\$40,000	\$2,000	\$38.46	\$3,200	\$61.54	\$4,000	\$76.92
\$60,000	\$3,000	\$57.69	\$4,800	\$92.31	\$6,000	\$115.38
\$80,000	\$4,000	\$76.92	\$6,400	\$123.08	\$8,000	\$153.85
\$100,000	\$5,000	\$96.15	\$8,000	\$153.85	\$10,000	\$192.31
\$125,000	\$6,250	\$120.19	\$10,000	\$192.31	\$12,500	\$240.38
\$150,000	\$7,500	\$144.23	\$12,000	\$230.77	\$15,000	\$288.46
\$200,000	\$10,000	\$192.31	\$16,000	\$307.69	\$20,000	\$384.62



"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:21

Thank you for your commitment.